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Status	Approved
Report Type	Investigations Unit
CIBRS Classification	
Primary Officer	Paul Fladung
Investigator	Paul Fladung
Reported At	03/01/19 06:56
Incident Date	03/01/19 06:56
Incident Code	DEATH : Death Investigation - Accidental
Location	[REDACTED]
Zone	DISTRICT 5
Beat	HOWARD LAKE
Disposition	Closed - Resolved
Disposition Date/Time	04/01/19 15:45
Review for Gang Activity	None

Case Comments

call out

Offense Information

Offense	Death - Closed Undetermined
Statute	
UCR Code	
Counts	1
Offense Details	Case was Exceptionally Cleared

Victim

CLOBES, EVEE GAYLE

JUVENILE, Female, DOB [REDACTED]

9999 - Death - Closed Undetermined - Case was
Exceptionally Cleared

Mother: CLOBES, CATELIN BETH

Witness

CLOBES, CATELIN BETH

Female, DOB [REDACTED]

9999 - Death - Closed Undetermined - Case was
Exceptionally Cleared

Other

CLOBES, CATELIN BETH

Female, DOB [REDACTED]

Parent/Guardian: 9999 - Death - Closed Undetermined -
Case was Exceptionally Cleared

[REDACTED]

CLOBES, EVEE GAYLE

JUVENILE, Female, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deceased: 9999 - Death - Closed Undetermined - Case
was Exceptionally Cleared

Mother: CLOBES, CATELIN BETH

[REDACTED]

Primary Narrative By Paul Fladung, 03/06/19 12:39

Investigation Report -Fladung

Investigation Report:

On 03/01/19, I received a phone call from Sgt Russ Erkens regarding a death investigation where the female part, Evee Gayle Clobes DOB [REDACTED] was found by her mother, Catelin (Catie) Beth Clobes DOB [REDACTED] this morning not breathing, and was transported by Howard Lake Ambulance to the Buffalo Alina Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

Detective Krystal Kramer was started to assist with a search warrant for the address of the medical, [REDACTED]. Requests were made to the Howard Lake Police Department regarding if they wished to continue the investigation. From speaking with Sgt Erkens, Howard Lake Chief Dave Thompson advised that we could continue the investigation and conduct the interviews as needed. Chief Thompson would assist with scene security until a search warrant was obtained.

I arrived at the Buffalo Alina Hospital and met with Howard Lake Ambulance members and hospital staff. When I arrived, I was notified that Catelin was in the trauma bay with Evee holding her in a blanket. I spoke to attending ER doctor who stated that he did not observe any sign of trauma on the child and that there were no marks that he saw that he would attribute as injuries that were the cause of death.

I spoke to Howard Lake Ambulance medic, Jake Durch, who stated that he was the only member of the crew who entered the apartment when the call came out. Dutsch stated that he arrived on scene, entered the apartment, met Catelin in the bedroom who was sitting on the bed holding Evee, and brought her out to the ambulance where she was transported with Catelin to the Buffalo hospital. Dutsch stated that ambulance crew personnel attended to Evee during the transport.

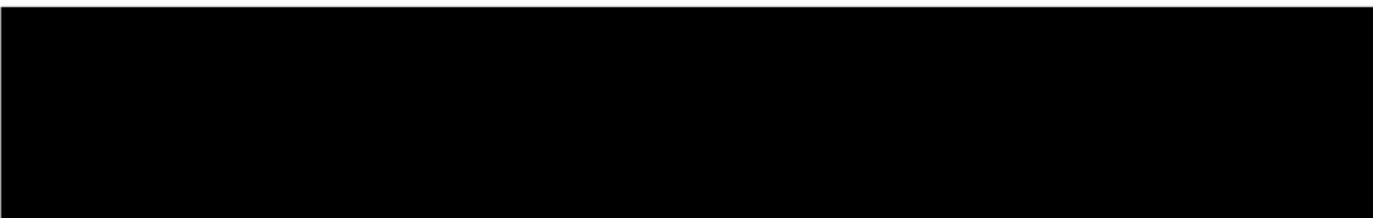
Sgt Erkens stated that Carrie Notch was being dispatched by the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, but was still in transit at the time, being another 45 minutes out from the hospital. I spoke to Notch by phone who requested that I take initial photographs of Evee prior to her arrival to document Evee's body and signs in her body will change over time as she is being held and could deteriorate and change her appearance. Notch was supportive of the concept pf Catelin being with Evee at this time, but just requested photographs to document the scene and appearance.

I next spoke to nursing staff and discussed with them the plan to wait until Carrie Notch arrived from the Medical Examiner's office before interviewing Catelin, but that I would need access to Evee prior.

Arrangements were made to have Catelin step out of the room and I was assisted in my photographs by an ER Nurse.

Evee appeared to be a normal sized six-month-old child, who was showing pooling of the blood on the right arm and chest area. Evee had white markings in the skin showing creases that were also located on her face indicating that the right side was in contact with an object, possibly a blanket. White pressure areas on the face of Evee were consistent with a child that would have been on her face, showing in the chin, upper lip, and nose/nose/bridge area. Redding of the check also indicate that the face was downward. No signs of any trauma to the face/head, neck, or back area of Evee. No signs of petechia were visible in the eye whites, checks, gums, or lips of Evee. Evee had visible liver showing on the back area since she had been on her back since being transported, along with showing signs of pressure markings that were consistent with being wrapped in a blanket and being held. It was explained to me that mom and hospital staff had removed Evee's pajamas when she arrived. Those items were collected by me and would later be placed into the CID short term evidence lockers until they could be entered into evidence.

Once the photographs were completed, Evee was returned to her blanket and Catelin was back in the room holding her. A Buffalo Hospital Social Worker was present when I introduced myself to Catelin and explained to I'd like to speak to her when the medical examiner arrived, and we discussed some of the tasks that I would need to complete before the day was over, including a re-enactment of last night to this morning. Catelin stated that she understood and that she was willing to help us in any way.

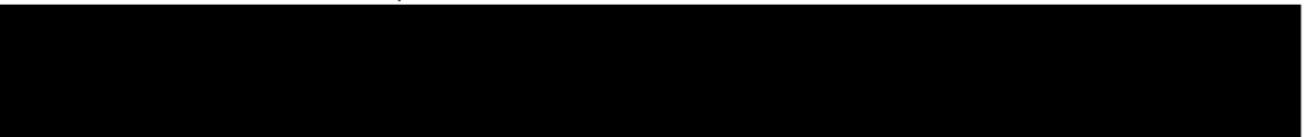


Interview:

The following is a summary of the statements made by Catelin Clobes:

- Daughter's name is Evee Gayle Clobes DOB [REDACTED]
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 - Evee was not around alcohol or tobacco
 - Catlin stated that she drank on 02/28/19 -a sour mash strawberry whiskey -Evee did not feed that night
 - Evee is breast fed
 - Evee last ate at 2100 hour on 02/28/19, only eating off of the right breast (emptied breast) -Cluster feeds a lot -comfort -feeds on average very two hours -Just started solid foods recently
 - Evee just had a clinic visit at Alina Health in Buffalo for a checkup, got shots -Doctor Taladon but she saw Dr Nelson -Clinic visit was good, she was in good health -Evee received two shots, Dtap and one other -No reactions -everything sounded and looked perfect
 - [REDACTED]
 - Sleeping arrangements -sleeps in the bed with mom, has a co-sleeper, but Evee is to big for it
 - Evee sleeps on the side of the queen bed with Catlin
 - Evee slept in bed with her last night

- This morning when Catlin woke up, Evee was still in bed, Catlin got up to go to the bathroom and then returned to the room to wake Evee up and feed her -Catlin was calling her name and Evee was not moving/ not stretching
- Catlin stated that she kept calling her name over and over and looking at her, when she picked her up Evee was cold
- Catlin stated that she could see a dried bubble on her face in her nose, that was orange in color
- Catlin stated that she then called 911
- Catlin stated that Evee was on her back when she saw found her this morning -Evee was laid down on her back and found on her back
- Catlin stated that she is a light sleeper
- Catlin stated that Evee was not covered up with a blanket and that there were no objects around her, no pillows
- Catlin stated that about a few feet was the distance between them
- Catlin stated that she normally goes to bed with her, but last night she did not
- Catlin feels that Evee went to bed around 2100, and she went to bed at 2300 hours -Evee was still alive when she went to bed
- Catlin stated that Evee will sleep between 7-8 hours at a time



- Catlin stated that neither she or her parents have any hereditary health concerns
- Catlin stated that Evee has not been sick, loose stools, or fevers recently
- Catlin stated that she was told by the doctors that Evee was right on track for milestones and weight
- Catlin stated that she understood the reason for a re-enactment and would be willing to participate
- Catlin stated that last night Evee was not laying in anything or swaddled last night
- Catlin stated that Evee is rolling now -pushes herself up
- Catlin stated that her bed is a crappy mattress with a shallow mattress topper sheet, not a thick topper, no memory foam or pillow tops

Re-enactment:

Re-enactment was completed at [REDACTED] in Howard Lake, inside the bedroom of Catelin. The re-enactment was video recorded on my Wright County Sheriff's Office Cell phone and downloaded to a flash-drive and entered into evidence.

During the re-enactment Catelin showed:

- How Evee was placed on the bed next to her wearing her pajamas, no pillows around her
- How Catelin slept on the bed next to her, body positioning at the time she laid down and woke up
- How Evee was positioned when Catelin got up this morning
- Where Evee's head was located on the bed, how she was face up with her left arm up and right arm down, how there was a red fluid bubble on her nostril
- Catelin showed how she tried to wake Evee up and when she discovered that she was not moving what she did next

At the end of the re-enactment, Deputy MCIU Dean Olson took the bed sheet for evidence since it had a small red stain in the fabric in the area where Catelin stated that Evee was laying.

While at the residence, which was held at the time with a search warrant, Deputy Dean Olson and Detective Krystal Kramer both indicated that photographs were the only thing that had been completed at this time. I spoke to Catelin who stated that she wanted to get a few of her clothing items as she would be staying at her parent's residence in Waverly. A key for the apartment was left with Chief Thompson so that the unit could be locked up when we were finished with the search warrant.

Autopsy/ Post Examination:

The autopsy for Evee was completed that afternoon at the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office. I and Detective Kramer observed the autopsy. The autopsy showed that Evee suffered no traumatic injuries to her body which would account for the cause of her death. Dr. Quinn Strobl, who performed the exam, indicated in her preliminary report that Evee Clobes was a well-developed, well-nourished infant female with no anatomic cause of death. Toxicology, histology, and microbiology cultures are pending the final Midwest Examiner's Office Report.

On 04/01/19, I received the final Midwest Medical Examiner's Report. The report indicated that the findings at the autopsy showed anterior livor of the chest and legs which are concerning for an unsafe sleep environment. Since all of the autopsy findings were negative or non-specific, there is concern regarding the sleep environment, the cause and manner of death were classified as undetermined. Co-sleeping with an adult was listed as a significant condition.

Howard Lake Ambulance Run Sheet/ Medical Records Request:

On 03/06/19 a request for medical records/ reports along with a copy of the Howard Lake Ambulance run sheet was made via WrightFax to Alina Health. Original release of information for was signed by Catelin Clobes on 03/01/19 when we met at the Buffalo Hospital.

Disposition:

At the time of the final Midwest Medical Examiner's Report, the cause and manner of death were listed as "Undetermined" and Co-Sleeping with an adult was listed as a significant condition.